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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 119, this application is entitled to a claim of priority to Japanese Application Nos. P2000-207567 and P2000-207568, filed 7 July 2000.

Respectfully submitted,

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